20 Newmarket Str

Ayr 19th July 1853.—

My dear Sir (John Goldie Sr) I think you will be expecting something like this from me before now

I have just got to hand this morning the invoice of the ploughs which I found, surprising as it may seem, some little difficulty in getting shipped. — The freight by the "Glasgow" was much too high or they would have been sent per her as intended and those then on the berth had lots of cargo & would not be bothered with them; however I trust they will reach you all safe per the

"Cuthberts" altho: not in time for much labour this crop. — The freight is 20/- for each which you will require to pay when they arrive, I could not get it for less. — The extra mounting for the double mould is quite unnecessary and the frame for the Spring scoop cart has been thrown aside here as a failure, the principal fault being difficult to work & often getting out of gear. — I saw nothing else tempting but will patiently await your farther orders. — Greatly to the delight of myself and the Peantees the clocks are going well, I have seen old Gilbert several times lately and was showing him how easily, comfortably & cheaply he could pay you & your people a visit which he says he will take into considera

I could get no trace of

your Lighthill friend in Glasgow, but did not see McKenzie — I will try again next time I'm in. — Now for the chickens, I am delighted to apprise you of the birth and wellbeing of the six ~~f~~ out of the score, which is very good — none of the ducks came. — As for pheasants or young hares I could get em readily enough if I could get a chance to ship them which I will look out for — Neither Gilbert nor J. Steele know anything about Grandfathers portrait and I have not got hold of Locke yet who is most likely to know. — Wal I guess we had a darned fine run accross — None of the ladies missed their dinners more than two days & I thought we were not going to see an Atlantic swell at all at one time. — I find all our friends here well and I have had excellent health since arrival

I am still idle completely becalmed and waiting patiently for a wind. — I have told everybody that you have determined to make your appearance here next fall with Mrs Goldie so you are in for a go. — I don't think I have much else to say I will try & spin a yarn next time, meantime I expect an answer to this as soon as you can. — The invoice & mates receipt for the Ploughs are inclosed & for clock duty and a little item or two there is 9/- more making £9 " 4/- in all

Trade never was better than here at present and markets are high & rising; the threatened war in the East sends them up, no one knows what Nicholas may bring about to day there is some hope of a further negotiation

Emigration goes on still altho: much checked to Australia — compts to Mrs G. & yours very truly

tell Jas Currie I delivered his letter & gold

G. McEwen